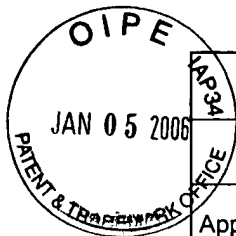


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action Dated October 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 2 on this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.